



Hardwick Scrapbook 1897 to 1990

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1903 07 18

Hardwick is a hamlet possessing much rustic beauty but at present relations between the inhabitants and the Rector are rather strained. Some boys heard distressing cries from the Rectory and rumours spread. The inhabitants came down in force, only those too old to take part in the hazardous proceedings of attacking the citadel failed to put in an appearance. Most had secured kettles, trays and tin cans which they beat vigorously. When the Rector refused to parley abusive language was freely used and several Cambridge men driving through the village stopped and offered to drive off the crowd by force. In fact the cries came from a boy from a charitable institute employed to do light work who was upset because he could not go out as his nether garments were being repaired.

1904 06 01

There has been a sequel to the hostile demonstration by the village of Hardwick against their rector. Although nearly a year has elapsed since the eventful evening on which members of his flock marched down to their shepherd's abode and expressed their unfavourable opinion of the occupants by beating improvised tom toms the influence of that episode still disastrously infects the village. The Rector recently gave notice to the occupiers of allotments on the glebe land and the impression is prevalent that it is because of their refusal to attend church. The number of the congregation has dwindled and now only eight attend Sunday worship with the others holding services in a dilapidated cottage on the outskirts of the village.

1904 11 26

The troubles between the parishioners of Hardwick and their Rector, which have made the village notorious, culminated in a police case when the Rev John Lee summoned John Hodson for assault. It was the climax of a series of annoyances that had dated back to January. It had started with the election of two school managers when the Rector had vetoed Hodson claiming he was not a bona-fide member of the Church of England since he had jeered the Bishop on his return from the re-opening of the church. Hodson said the affair was an accident; he was swinging his stick as he was in the habit of doing, and the Rector had put his hand underneath it. The case was dismissed.

1908 11 17

Caxton Guardians were told of a case of diphtheria in a cottage at Orwell. They heard that the cost of purifying Hardwick water would be £40: it was worse than before, and something must be done. There had also been another burglary at the Isolation Hospital. The knives had been taken away and the intruder had slept in the nurses' bed. (Laughter) CWN 08 11 17 p3

1911 08 25

There was considerable excitement near Histon railway station on Wednesday evening when the Army monoplane which has been manoeuvring in the district was seen flying towards the village. Not being at a great altitude, the queer-looking machine was seen quite plainly and the public had a good view of it as it hovered towards Dry Drayton before finally alighted at the military manoeuvres camp at Hardwick 11 08 25g

1911 08 25

On Wednesday evening Cambridge people saw for the first time an aeroplane flying over the town. It was a Bristol biplane flown by Lieut. Barrington Kennett of the Grenadier Guards. . When he returned to the military camp at Hardwick about 100 people were assembled and there were crowds of cyclists. Before descending he gave an exhibition flight, swooping round, and although he shot towards the ground with alarming velocity he quickly steadied the machine and sailed gently to earth like a huge bird with a scarcely perceptible jerk as the skids touched the grass. 11 08 25i

1911 09 01

Large crowds have witnessed successful flights during the week by the Army airmen encamped at Hardwick. Lieut. Cammell, flying his own Bleriot monoplane, was expected to arrive from Hendon shortly after dark on Friday night and petrol flares were lit on the camp ground which acted at once as beacons and as a guide to the most convenient place to land. But at Baldock he ran into a storm and was compelled to alight. 6 a.m. on Saturday. He got the machine out and arrived early next

morning. He later made another flight when the sight of the aerial monster combined with the noise it created terrified some farm horses. 11 09 01f

1911 09 22

Cambridge folk will regret the death of Lieut Reginald Cammell, the gallant Army airman who was killed at Hendon while flying a new Valkyrie machine. He had extensive service with army dirigibles but then took up the heavier-than-air type of machine and had flown a Bleriot monoplane to the recent Army Air Battalion encampment at Hardwick where it had been in a hangar for several days 11 09 22c & d

1912 09 20

His Majesty the King visited the Hardwick aero camp where he spoke to Colonel S.F. Cody, and inspected his famous biplane. He showed much interest in the position of the propeller, which is behind the pilot and not in front, as in the other biplanes at the camp. The King then commanded Col Cody to make a short exhibition flight. In a few seconds the plane was in the air, making several circuits, flying both high and low before pulling up gracefully within a few yards of the Royal party. The King then inspected the naval biplanes before leaving. Shortly afterwards Mr de Havilland arrived in a biplane from the 'seat of war' – the manoeuvres around Linton 12 09 20e also 20d, photos 20f, g. Airmen's triumph, Mutlow Hill taken etc – 20h; fighting Horseheath – 20i, Castle Camps – 20j, airship 20k 20l 20n A great feature of the army manoeuvres has been the work of the air-scouts. Large crowds visited the Hardwick aero-camp and were rewarded when a biplane was spotted which was not of the ordinary pattern. "That's Cody on the machine he won the War Office competition with the other day", said a Sergeant. Planing gracefully down he approached at a great speed and alighted exactly opposite the sheds erected for storing the aircraft. His plane has no long tail and the pilot sits right in front with the engine and propeller behind him, giving a clear view for observation purposes. 12 09 20m

1913 02 07

Hardwick boy dies after accident with knife when stacking

1914 07 10 Farmhouse Struck by lightning. During the heavy storm which passed over this village (Hardwick) on Wednesday week, a farmhouse occupied by Mr. Miller was struck by lightning, damaging the house in certain places Mrs. Miller was inside with her sister-in-law, who was struck by a brick which fell from the chimney, being cut severely about the head Mrs. Miller was also stunned. The house was at first thought to be on fire, but no further damage was done – 1914 07 10 CIPof

1914 10 30

Enlistment Hardwick, Histon, Oakington, Litlington, Guilden Morden,

1917 06 06

Cambridge School of Flying and Aerodrome Company Ltd at Hardwick is equipped with hangars housing five Tractor Dual Control biplanes; until recently was only open to military pupils but now training for pupils intending to enter the Royal Flying Corps or Royal Naval Air Service. The machines are Cauldron biplanes. Frequently open for the public to witness exhibition flights – 17 06 06a; illustrated advert 17 06 06b

1920 09 01

Hardwick Aerodrome sale of airplanes and equipment owned by Cambridge School of Flying; planes including Avro two-seater, some damaged, sold cheaply; hangars – 20 09 01b

1922 05 25

A heavy thunderstorm, which missed Cambridge, passed over the country districts accompanied by hail of enormous size. At Cottenham the deluge was most intense for about ten minutes. The hail stones measured 1 ½ (one-and -half) to 1 ¾ (one and three quarter) inches and some which were picked up were, it is said, as large as hen's eggs. Many panes of glass were broken in the greenhouses at Mr Gautrey's nurseries. Severe damage was done to the strawberry and plum crops.

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Other villages including Dry Drayton were deluged with torrential rain and hail of unusual size. At Caldecote and Hardwick windows were broken and the hailstones are reported to have been the size of walnuts

1922 10 04

Trouble between the Rector of Hardwick and the Parish Council over the Glebe allotments led to some rather lively scenes in the village when a parish meeting was held to discuss the question. The allotments are held on a yearly tenancy by the Parish Council who sub-let them to the allotment holders. The Rector notified the holders that he intended to manage them himself. The original allotments, which have been in use for 25 or 30 years occupied an area of 4,955 acres and a further 3,929 were taken over by the Parish Council

1923 02 02

A fire which might have assumed much more alarming proportions but for the efforts of the villagers and the promptness of the Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade, broke out in a stack at Red Brick Farm, Hardwick. The fire was noticed about 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon and a messenger was sent to Comberton Post Office and the Brigade received the call from there at 2.58. When the messenger returned to Hardwick he found the tender in charge of Sergt Claugue already on the spot having covered the distance of about six miles within 12 minutes of receiving the call

1925 01 29

The rector of Hardwick said that the rectory garden had been used since the rectory had been built 75 years ago. It was the nearest piece of arable land. It temporarily ceased to be used as a garden owing to a change of incumbents and the outbreak of war. Then the rector went on war service and did not return to his duties in Hardwick. In 1920 the rectory garden was included in a demand for allotments and nothing was said to him when he was appointed. He had been pressing for its return since 1922. He was now buying for his house vegetables that should be grown on the rectory garden.

1925 05 16

The Rector of Hardwick was fined 10s. for assaulting a farm labourer. It was the outcome of considerable friction between the Rector and his parishioners over the right-of-way of a roadway leading through the Rectory grounds to a farm. The Rector claims he had the right to turn back people whom he considers objectionable, whereas villagers declare the road to be public for everybody's use. Complainant said that when he was part way down the road the rector had rushed out of his garden with a four-tined fork and said: "You are not going this way". He was pushed into the hedge and the tines of the fork probed through his coat. The rector said he thought the man was going to make one of his flying rushes and raised the tool to defend himself.

1928 01 05

Hardwick is the poorest parish in the district. The road in the centre of the village was not fit to be called a road at all. It was one of the most dangerous, treacherous, roads in England & was getting narrower. Application for purer water had been made in March 1899 but it was still unsatisfactory. They had applied for eight houses in 1919 but none were built. There were people in the village at present times whose children were living in other houses.

1933 01 21

An NSPCC inspector told the court that the family lived in an old railway van at Hardwick which was in a most objectionable state. The bedding was in such a filthy state that he had burned it. The children were fairly well nourished but the awful stench which came from them polluted the police station to which he removed them. The father was sentenced to six months' hard labour. 33 01 21b & c

1936 08 22

Mr & Mrs Ben Mills of Sleaford Street received a telegram of congratulations from the King on their diamond wedding. Born at Hardwick, he lost his right arm in an accident at the age of nine. Refusing to allow that disability to mar his life, he came to St Paul's School, Cambridge and soon qualified as a teacher. He worked for W.G. Chater, the woollen merchants before joining the Co-

operative movement in 1876, starting at the old shop in Fitzroy Street. In 1901 he opened the new shop in Burleigh Street with a silver key and has seen the premises grow. He became Provincial Grand Master of the Oddfellows. His wife has been a familiar figure at the functions, quietly lending a hand 'behind the scenes' and catering for juvenile outings. 36 08 22a

1937 06 14

The picturesque Rose Queen Festival which has become such a charming feature in Hardwick took place in a field on the outskirts of the village. A procession formed at the school and, accompanied by a percussion band of school children, paraded to the flower-bedecked platform erected under an ancient elm. There the retiring queen (Mary Dodson) gracefully relinquished her crown to her successor (Iris Kelly). The new monarch seated herself upon the throne, the toy trumpeters sounded a fanfare and everyone cheered. 37 06 14

1937 12 09

The court heard of a dispute between a Dry Drayton farmer and Elijah Deamer, machinist and steam ploughing contractor of Hardwick. Charles Wilkinson of Madingley said he had been farming 55 years. The custom was for threshers to come round at the beginning of the harvest and do a little. Then they left and worked round. While they were absent the straw was used to thatch the stacks in readiness for the thresher's return. It was not unusual for them to be away two months and some did not thresh until after Christmas. 37 12 09

1938 04 25

Electricity would be supplied to Wicken, Hardwick, Barrington, Orwell and possibly Teversham this year. But the Beds, Cambs and Hunts Electricity Company had to abandon a scheme at Fulbourn because of restriction on the overhead line. Telegraph poles had been passing through villages for many years carrying hundreds of wires without undue problems, but as soon as they come along with an overhead line, exception is taken to that. No one liked to spoil nature but it cost double the price to run cables underground bringing the cost per house up from £2 to £5. Six years ago there were 4,615 consumers, now it was 13,145; the number of electric cookers had risen from 526 to 2,039 38 04 25c

1939 03 23

A Hardwick family had been tenants of Pembroke College on lands at Hardwick for nearly 100 years. Now a widow claimed the tenancy belonged to her. She said the land had been granted to her grandfather by Lord Hardwicke and she'd lived for 15 years in a house consisting of two railway carriages. The deeds had been stored in a box that had been destroyed in a fire. But Pembroke produced documents showing they'd been granted the land under the Hardwick Inclosure Act. 39 03 23

1939 05 05

The cries of a twelve-month-old baby saved the lives of an unemployed man, his wife and four children on the St Neots Road near Hardwick turning. It awakened her mother, who found that the room in which she and the other members of the family were sleeping was rapidly filling with smoke. They ran to safety outside, clad only in their night attire. The fire rapidly caught hold and the building was burnt to the ground, only the brick chimney remaining 39 05 04

1939 09 30

Colonel Cody flew over Cambridge during Army manoeuvres at Hardwick, 1912 – photo – 39 09 30

1940 01 16

Steam plough contractor and agricultural merchant from Hardwick sues brother for money expended – 40 01 16a

1944 07 07

Golden Wedding. When Mr. and Mrs. Kester, of Council Houses, Hardwick, celebrated their golden wedding a few days ago, among those present was Mr. Kester's father, who will be 97 this

September. Mr. and Mrs. Kester have lived at Hardwick all their married life and are proud of their family of 11 (all of whom are living) and of their 30 grandchildren.

1947 07 31 c

At the meeting of the Chesterton Rural District Council it was reported that a further three parishes (Coton, Fen Drayton and Lolworth) had been supplied with water mains. It was anticipated that the work involving the supply to Barton, Comberton, Toft, Haslingfield and Harlton would be put in hand during the coming year. Several parishes, notably Croxton, Eltisley, Graveley, Hardwick and Dry Drayton were extremely short of water for domestic and stock purposes and trouble was anticipated in the summer months. The position could not be improved until a new high level water tower was erected thereby affording sufficient pressure to enable a mains supply to be taken to these villages.

1948 10 04

The 1,200 villagers of Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick are "living on the edge of a volcano" and at any time a grave outbreak of disease might overtake them. So said Dr A. Morgan, M.O.H. to Chesterton rural district council at a public inquiry into plans to borrow £27,125 to defray the cost of works of a water supply for these parishes. At present the council have to cart something like 6,000 gallons of water a week to these parishes to supplement the meagre well supplies. At Caldecote, as a temporary measure, stand-pipe supplies have been provided at some points. The rest of the village was dependent upon stored rainwater and supplies carted by the Council

1949 08 22

A well-known figure at Hardwick is sprightly bright-eyed 82-years-old Joseph Kester, and his tricycle – or they were, for a sad thing happened on July 15<sup>th</sup> – Mr Kester and his tricycle parted company. The machine was damaged in a road accident and he now has to make all his travels on foot. It was an indignant and vigorous Mr Kester who appeared at Caxton petty sessions to give evidence in a case in which a commercial traveller was summoned for driving without due care and attention

1949 09 02

Celebrating his 102nd birthday Mr Joseph Kester, formerly of Hardwick, and now living at Chesterton Hospital said he felt nothing like his age. This grand old man, who doctors say is the healthiest man in the hospital and certainly has the strongest heart, is usually the most active of the patients. He is ever cheerful, always enjoys a good joke and laugh, and was most amused by some of the comic postcards he received. He was fully employed as an agricultural labourer till he was 86. He did not give up working entirely then but continued to do odd jobs till he was 97. He lived at Hardwick till he was 100

1950 08 14

Small landowners at Hardwick, meeting by the light of a single spluttering paraffin lamp at Childerley Gate school, decided unanimously to form an association to fight Government acquisition of land already under requisition at Hardwick. Under the 1947 Agricultural Act requisitioned land need not automatically be handed back to the original owner if the Minister considered there was a case for retaining the land for "blocking" into large farms. If they were to have any chance of success they would need to fight the cases with all available means.

1951 09 01

"I'm going to have another half dozen birthdays at least". This is the declared intention of Mr Joseph Kester, Chesterton Hospital's Grand Old Man, who today celebrated his 104<sup>th</sup> birthday. At a party he cut his own birthday cake, drank a glass of port and said: "It tastes good, but it's not as good as beer". Sitting bolt upright in his chair and dressed in a navy suit and slippers, Joe gave the impression of a film star holding court. He was surrounded by friends and submitted happily to being photographed. Three bottles of port were included in his presents and his son, bringing in a medicine bottle with brandy in it, was told with a chuckle: "Slip it into my pocket boy".

1952 03 21

Joe Kester has died at Chesterton Hospital at the age of 104. On his last birthday he was surrounded by five generations of his family. He was born at Kingston in 1847 but moved to Hardwick as a baby and lived there for 98 years. He remembered when his mother could take a shopping bag the size of a pillowcase to the shops and get it filled for 3s. (15p). He was six when he started work, tending the geese, chickens and turkeys and earned 6d a week. He had only candles for lighting and a tinderbox to light them with. Joe enjoyed a half-pint of beer a day & used to say: "I lived well, worked hard and had plenty of ale and fresh air. Hard work never hurt anybody"

1953 12 16

An appeal was heard against refusal for a bungalow on a two-acre site on the A45 near Hardwick. The Council said: "This is a most unsatisfactory form of ribbon development. Many of the buildings already there are most insubstantial and of unsatisfactory type, lacking full public services". If the appeal were allowed it would be difficult to resist further applications. But the owner said she had bought the land in 1946 & foundations had been laid prior to the passing of the Town and Country Planning Act. The area was one which required complete re-development. As the Inspector left to inspect the site he walked into one of the thickest fogs in recent years, reducing visibility to less than 15 yards.

***The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date***

1960 07 08

A 23-ton tanker lorry containing nearly 3,000 gallons of varnish-oil overturned at Madingley Road and was completely wrecked. The 12-wheeler vehicle got out of control near the old aircraft factory, veered across the road and snapped off a telegraph pole before overturning. The driver scrambled out unscathed and walked two miles in below-freezing conditions to a café at Hardwick to call for assistance. Firemen using heavy lifting gear dragged the vehicle off the road on to the verge and stood by until the oil was transferred to another tanker 60 01 11

1960 07 08

For a long time the Hunt family, who work on Common Farm at Comberton Road, Hardwick, have lived in fear of low flying jet aircraft crashing near their white painted cottage. Late yesterday afternoon two RAD planes collided in mid-air, killing eight young fliers and scattering blazing wreckage over a wide area. One, a Vickers Varsity, plummeted to earth only a few hundred yards from the cottage, the other came down in a bean field two miles away. Victor Hunt said: "We have been expecting this for a long time. The planes come so low my son can see the dials on their instruments and the pilots even wave to him" 60 07 08b

1963 05 04

Hardwick is split by planning dispute over residential development – 63 05 04

1964 01 30

The village pond at Hardwick is 'dangerous, unhealthy and an eyesore' and should be filled in, the Parish Council says. Chesterton RDC decided it would cost them too much – about £1,000 – if they had to buy their own materials to do the job. But it is to consider an offer by Coun. E.A. Hearn to supply enough free material to fill in the pond.– 64 01 30d

1964 07 22

Toft people are buying their former primary school and hope to re-open it as a village hall which will also serve Hardwick, Kingston and Caldecote. At present all they have is the church institute, a very small place. The building needs another exit, a kitchen and flush toilets – and it also has a leaky roof. During the war the village raised £750 for a fund that was never used and this, with a grant and interest-free loans from residents, will finance the scheme. 64 07 22

1966 06 15

Parcel people – couple tramping England carrying bundles of ragged packages – reach Hardwick – 66 06 15a



1966 12 03

Cambridge School of Flying operated from field at Hardwick, had French Caudron biplanes – memories of visit in 1917 – 66 12 03

1968 01 17

Hardwick villagers complain of muddy path leading to school – 68 01 17b

1972 04 29

Common Market lorry drivers on a trans-European trip to Britain would probably bring their girlfriends along with them, the Cambridge By-pass inquiry heard yesterday. And if their route passed close to the famous city of Cambridge they would want to call in and see the sights, said the chairman of Hardwick Parish Council. The inquiry now holds the record for the longest public inquiry into a road scheme ever held in Britain. On Tuesday it will be 11 weeks since it began.

1972 05 18

Insignificant Hardwick, a ribbon development west of Cambridge has become "millionaires' row" with the sale of land destined for a huge new housing estate. A building firm have bought 84 acres from 51 landowners for close on £1 million. The 480 strong village was said by many to be "dying" through lack of interest and development. In 1935 the land was bought by the philanthropist Mr William Game. He had the idea of it becoming a "green dream" for Cockneys who wanted to quit London for the countryside. Many people who bought land there reared chickens but when the bottom fell out of the egg market in the mid 1950s most of the land fell into disuse.

1973 09 20

The scheme for the first stage of major housing development at "millionaire row", Hardwick is now before the county planners. More than 50 villagers made around £1 million last May when they sold their shares in the 80-acre site to two developers. The land had been bought back in 1935 by the "philanthropist" Mr William Game who saw it as a "green dream" for Cockneys who wanted to quit London for the countryside. His vision was for a one-acre plot and a cow for each owner. But it dimmed when the plan failed because of the poor quality of the land, which fell into disuse from the 1950s. Now the village is set to get a recreation ground, village hall and school in a scheme devised for the Limes Estate. The first phase comprises 147 houses and 10 bungalows

1974 11 21

The salt pot has disappeared from the dining tables of Cambridgeshire schools. Now school children can only help themselves to salt under the watchful eye of a supervisor. The rationing follows big cuts in the deliveries of table salts to schools. During some weeks they are getting none at all. Ten-year-old Michelle Williams of Hardwick made sure of her salt supply by taking her own to her school at Comberton

1975 12 20

Veteran village milkman Douglas Childerley remembers winters so cold that roads were too icy to walk upon. And he suspected that the winter of 1975/6 was going to be a harsh one, which is why Douglas, who's been delivering milk in Coton, Hardwick and Madingley for 50 years, decided the time has come to retire. He was born in the Plough public house, Coton, where his father doubled as publican and village milkman before him. As a boy he helped his father carry milk on a yoke with a can at each end. Later he had a bicycle with two three-gallon cans on the front and two more on the handlebars.

1977 03 28

Motorists were caught on the hop today as snow spread across almost all of East Anglia. The A45 was blocked near Newmarket when a tanker crashed at the Red Lodge petrol pumps & an unladen tanker overturned near the Four Went Ways. The Chatteris to Ely road was almost blocked & at Haddenham a baker's van slithered across the road. Police say there have been inundated with reports of hold-ups and accidents. Villagers at Hardwick were still without electricity at lunchtime, 11 hours after power went off. Parts of Papworth and Eltisley are also without supplies.

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1977 07 19

Some of the plans for the development of Cambridge, which upset people living in the necklace villages, are being scrapped. Cambridgeshire planners are rethinking the city development plans because they claim information on population figures and job opportunities was wrong. Population growth in the area over the next 20 years is likely to be only 13,000 instead of the original estimate of 17,000. Intense opposition mounted by villagers against the rapid build-up of houses and industry near their home has had its effect. The Fen Ditton, Waterbeach and Cottenham expansion is almost certain to be scrapped and in its place more housing in the city itself and in growing villages like Hardwick will be suggested.

1978 03 10

House-hunters looking to live in the country should be prepared to put up with country life – like flies and farmyard smells, said Coun Ken Turner of Hardwick. “Some people come into villages – they might be called the bed-and-breakfast residents – and the first thing they want to do is do away with the country way of life”. Coun John Impey from Melbourn said a chicken farmer had been threatened with enforcement action by the environment department after a complaint about flies. The flies were not from his farm and it seemed unfair that pressure could be put on a long-established business because someone had decided to build homes nearby

1978 08 29

Another developer has put in plans for a new village off the A45. Hillson and Twigden want to build 1,500 homes on 200 acres of farmland east of Highfields, near Caldecote. They say it would link up with rapidly-expanding Hardwick and provide additional schooling and shopping. It did not use top agricultural land and was close to the underused A45 dual carriageway which would be even less used when the A1/M1 link is built. There are already five other plans for a new village between Bourn and Caxton as an alternative to the preferred county council site off the A10 near Ely. 87 08 29

1985 08 01

Crumbling plaster inside Hardwick church has led to the discovery of a rare 15<sup>th</sup> century mural. The wall painting depicting St Cyriac holding a sword and riding a lion once stretched for 30 feet along the south wall of the church. Older parishioners recall seeing faded colours but this is the first time the figures have been fully uncovered this century. It was painted over in 1856 as the rector then did not like it. Now an expert is scraping away other parts of the surface to see how far it extends 85 08 01

1988 03 15

The 15th-century Blue Lion at Hardwick has always been a popular country venue for a quiet drink near Cambridge. Now has a restaurant 88 03 15a